



Brownfields 2004 Grant Fact Sheet

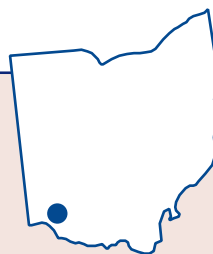
Cincinnati, OH

EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders in economic development to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, President George W. Bush signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under the Brownfields Law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. The job training grants provide training for residents of communities affected by brownfields to prepare them for employment in the assessment and cleanup of brownfield sites. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

Community Description

The Cincinnati Department of Community Development and Planning was selected to receive a job training grant. The community to be served by this grant encompasses the City of Cincinnati (population 331,285) and Hamilton County (population 845,303). The city and county are very economically distressed. Poverty in the city is 22%, and nine Cincinnati communities have been designated as federal Empowerment Zones (EZ). Many of the properties identified as brownfields are in the EZ and other low-income



Job Training Grants

\$125,000

EPA has selected the City of Cincinnati Department of Community Development and Planning for a job training grant. Cincinnati plans to train 120 students, achieve an 80% placement rate, and track students for one year. The training program will consist of four 12-week training cycles of 264 hours each. Courses will include hazardous waste site worker training, confined space entry, advanced innovative technologies, lead and asbestos abatement, and mold remediation. Students will be recruited from the City of Cincinnati and Hamilton County in areas where brownfields exist. Placement in environmental jobs will be assisted by the One-Stop Business Services Unit and the Greater Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce.

Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: www.epa.gov/brownfields.

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neighborhoods with high percentages of minority groups and public housing tenants. Although the city has been successful in redeveloping brownfields, many undeveloped brownfields continue to plague the low-income, ethnic minority, or otherwise disadvantaged communities in the city and county. Many of the contractors participating in brownfields assessment and remediation activities recruit workers from outside the impacted area because they cannot find local residents with the skills needed to work at brownfield sites.